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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Darin L. Peterson et al.

APPLICATION No.: 09/420,659

FILED: October 19, 1999

FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR RETAINING A TRAY STACK HAVING A PLURALITY OF TRAYS

FOR CARRYING

MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES

EXAMINER:

JANICE LEE KRIZEK

ART UNIT:

3652

CONFIRMATION NO.:

3104

Petition for 3-Month Extension of Time

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions for a 3-Month Extension of Time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action, extending the period for response to October 2, 2002.

Fee (37 CFR 1.17(a) (3)):

Small Entity:

\$460.00

\$920.00

A check including the above fee for \$920.00 is enclosed.

Please charge the above fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-0665; this paper is provided in triplicate.

Applicant petitions for an additional Extension of Time if necessary for timely filing of this petition and enclosures.

Please charge any underpayment for timely consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

Respectfully submitted, Perkins Coie LLP

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS **WASHINGTON DC 20231**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Applicant has previously claimed small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A Petition for an Extension of Time for three months is enclosed.

A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown.

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| | CLAIMS | | | |
| | REMAINING | | HIGHEST | PRESENT |
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| SMALL ENTITY | | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
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| RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE | OR | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| x 9 | \$ | | x 18 | \$ 0 |
| x 42 | \$ | | x 84 | \$ 0 |
| +130 | \$ | OR | +260 | \$ 0 |
| <u> </u> | \$ | | | \$ 920 |
| | | | | \$ 180 |
| | \$ | TOTAL \$ 1,100 | | \$ 1,100 |

^{*} If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0665 in the amount of \$_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$1,100 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0665. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE

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